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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Report on Teacher of the Year Activities for March 2005

March Activities

- Diocese of Kalamazoo Science Committee Meeting, science curriculum alignment with state standards
- Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP)
- Michigan Partners in Learning, Microsoft meeting
- Michigan Science Teachers Association Conference and Awards Banquet
- Novice Teacher Workshop serving Clinton, Ingham, and Eaton ISDs
- Science Curriculum Alignment at Northville Public Schools
- Science Teacher Meeting, Wexford-Missaukee ISD
- State Board of Education Meeting
- Student Teacher Presentation at Grand Valley State University *FIRE-UP!*
- Student Teacher Presentation at Saginaw Valley State University
- Student Teacher Presentation at Spring Arbor University

Reflections

One of my original goals as Teacher of the Year was to encourage and provide leadership for aspiring student teachers and teachers who are just entering the profession. This month I had the opportunity to speak to over one thousand dedicated student teachers and novice teachers. In addition to presenting at university workshops, I was honored to be a teaching mentor for the Novice Teacher Program partnership of Clinton, Ingham, and Eaton Intermediate School Districts. The student teacher audience at Grand Valley State University was a collaboration of nine western Michigan colleges and universities. At the FIRE-UP (Flexible Inspired Realistic Excellent Upbeat Professional) conference held at Grand Valley State University, I was invited as the third Michigan Teacher of the Year to give the keynote address. I have been truly impressed by the comprehensive and quality efforts to help support teachers entering the profession.

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